

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006

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CHAIRMAN: MARION WRIGHT  
VICE CHAIRMAN: JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN  
INTERIM ADMINISTRATORS: MILES HADLEY  
CARY MCSWAIN  
COUNTY ATTORNEY: DONNIE MCDONALD

COUNCIL: JEAN MCLEAN, JEFF QUICK,  
MICKEY ROGERS, CORRIE H. PLATO,  
\* DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, KEN ALLEN,  
EDMOND BLUE, AND MARION WRIGHT

\* ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JANUARY 12, 2006 & JANUARY 19, 2006

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean approving the minutes of January 12, 2006. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Mr. Jeff Quick, Ms. Jean McLean, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Marion Wright. Not present for vote: Ms. Mickey Rogers. Motion Carried.**

**Motion made by Mr. Edmond Blue, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean approving the minutes of January 19, 2006. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Mr. Jeff Quick, Ms. Jean McLean, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Marion Wright. Not present for vote: Ms. Mickey Rogers. Motion Carried.**

## PRESENTATIONS

**Mr. Billy Weatherly, Tax Assessor** – advised Council the fieldwork of checking each property over the previous five years had been completed by his department. Mr. Weatherly stated that he had received a letter from the Department of Revenue approving the Reassessment for 2006. He had previously requested a delay of the Reassessment until 2006, which was approved by Council due to the death of one of his field workers. He advised the Legislature is unsettled this year with the restructuring of property taxes. He said there are too many formula differences between the House and the Senate as far as what to do in South Carolina with property taxes. He advised one of the proposals in the legislature calls for a reversion back to 2004/2005 rates of appraisal values. If his department starts keying in a reassessment for 2006 using new values (22,000/23,000) different parcels of properties in the county including mobile homes, which will take three to four months to key in – if the legislature approves the reversion to 2004/2005 – his department will have to delete the values they had put in and re-enter the previous values. Mr. Weatherly asked Council's direction on how to proceed. He advised Council may wish to postpone the reassessment for another year – he has an Ordinance Council may wish to pass if they decide to postpone until next year. Mr. Weatherly asked Mr. Miles Hadley if he had obtained any additional information from Columbia. Mr. Hadley advised the people he had spoken with had advised they would proceed with the Reassessment because depending on what happens the county will need to have as much Revenue as possible coming in – the revenue for the next few years may be based on that Revenue. The assumption is that nothing retroactive will be passed. Mr. Weatherly advised he would attend the March meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE # 599 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT AND AN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND ALADDIN MANUFACTURING CORPORATION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES AND ALADDIN MANUFACTURING CORPORATION WILL RECEIVE CERTAIN INFRASTRUCTURE CREDITS IN RESPECT OF ITS INVESTMENT IN RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO – THIRD READING

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to approve the third reading of Ordinance # 599 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement and an infrastructure finance agreement by and between Marlboro County, South Carolina and Aladdin Manufacturing Corporation with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes and Aladdin Manufacturing Corporation will receive certain infrastructure credits in respect of its investment in related infrastructure; and other matters related thereto. Vote in favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mr. Ken Allen, Ms. Jean McLean, and Mr. Marion Wright. Abstain: Ms. Corrie Plato. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 601 – AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT SPECIAL TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES AND LOW TO MODERATE INCOME RENTAL PROPERTIES OF MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. - THIRD READING

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue approving the third reading of Ordinance # 601 – An Ordinance to adopt Special Tax Assessments for Historic Properties and Low to Moderate income rental properties of Marlboro County, South Carolina. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 602 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A LEASE OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT BLENHEIM BALL FIELD FOR RECREATION PURPOSES – SECOND READING

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Edmond Blue to approve the second reading of Ordinance # 602 – An Ordinance to approve a lease of the Marlboro County School District Blenheim Ball Field for recreation purposes. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION # 02-06-01 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN TO ENTER INTO AND EFFECT A CONTRACT WITH THE ARCHITECTURAL FIRM OF MOSELY, WILKINS, AND WOOD FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve Resolution # 02-06-01 – A Resolution authorizing the Chairman to enter into and effect a contract with the Architectural Firm of Mosely, Wilkins, and Wood for Architectural services relative to the construction of a new Public Library. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION # 02-06-02 – A RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF PARD GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,538.68 FOR MARLBORO COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO LINDSAY PARK.

Mr. Jeff Quick questioned whether the grant funds could be used for two (2) baseball fields in place of a T-Ball Field. Mr. Dottie Fowler, Grant Writer advised she would check on it. She advised these funds were for 2004 allocation – the project had to be completed before the end of May 2006.

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers approving Resolution # 02-06-02 – A Resolution for acceptance of PARD Grant funds in the amount of \$26,538.68 for Marlboro County Parks and Recreation for improvements to Lindsay Park. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION # 02-06-03 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MARLBORO COUNTY’S DESIGN AND FINANCE COMMITTEES TO USE UP TO \$50,000 OF THE FUNDS ON HAND FOR VARIOUS ACTIVITIES TO INCLUDE PERMISSION TO CONTRACT WITH AN OUTSIDE FUNDRAISER TO OBTAIN SPECIFIC FUNDS.

**Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato approving Resolution # 02-06-03 – A Resolution to authorize the Proposed Marian Wright Edelman Public Library of Marlboro County’s Design and Finance Committees to use up to \$50,000 of the funds on hand for various activities to include permission to contract with an outside Fundraiser to obtain specific funds. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

RESOLUTION # 02-06-04 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF WALLACE WATER COMPANY FRANCHISE REQUEST FOR EXPANSION

The area requested is within Wallace Water’s Franchise area.

**Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve Resolution # 02-06-04 – A Resolution approving the application of Wallace Water Company Franchise request for expansion. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 01-06-02 – A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT FOR FIXED BASE OPERATOR AND LEASE OF THE MARLBORO COUNTY AIRPORT

**Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve Resolution # 01-06-02 – A Resolution to approve an agreement for Fixed Base Operator and Lease of the Marlboro County Airport. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 603 – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND MARLBORO WATER COMPANY, INC. – FIRST READING

**Motion made by Edmond Blue, seconded by Mr. Ken Allen to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 603 – An Ordinance approving the settlement agreement between Marlboro County and Marlboro Water Company, Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

ORDINANCE # 604 – AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT THE CHAIRMAN OF COUNTY COUNCIL AND THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY, A EASEMENT WITH MARLBORO COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA, AS GRANTOR, AND MARLBORO WATER COMPANY, INC. AS GRANTEE, UNDER THE RAILROAD OWNED BY MARLBORO COUNTY ON BEAUTY SPOT ROAD FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE INSTALLATION OF A WATER LINE – FIRST READING

**Motion made by Mr. Edmond Blue, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 604 – An Ordinance to authorize and direct the Chairman of**

**County Council and the Clerk to the Council to execute, on behalf of the County, a easement with Marlboro County, South Carolina, as grantor, and Marlboro Water Company, Inc. as grantee, under the railroad owned by Marlboro County on Beauty Spot Road for the sole purpose of the installation of a water line. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

RESOLUTION # 02-06-05 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN MARLBORO COUNTY AND MARLBORO WATER COMPANY, INC.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve Resolution # 02-06-05 – A Resolution approving a settlement agreement between Marlboro County and Marlboro Water Company, Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

OPENING AND ACCEPTANCE – PAVING OF PROPERTIES

Bids were presented for the paving of Wallace Fire Department, Wallace Rescue, and Warden Lane. Paving is contingent upon funds given by the Marlboro County Transportation Committee. Marlboro County will not pay for this. Bids presented were:

Wallace Fire Department:	Furr Grading & Paving	\$ 7,230.00
	Turner Grading & Paving	\$11,720.00
	Hudson Paving	\$ 9,895.00
	Industrial Paving	\$ 4,900.00
Wallace Rescue	Furr Grading & Paving	\$ 9,500.00
	Turner Grading & Paving	\$17,700.00
	Hudson Paving	\$10,962.00
	Industrial Paving	\$ 9,900.00
Warden Lane	Furr Grading & Paving	\$26,500.00
	Turner Grading & Paving	\$29,369.00
	Hudson Paving	\$26,933.00
	Industrial Paving	\$29,500.00

A 5% discount was allowed for Turner Grading & Paving for being employed within the county.

**A motion was made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the three lowest bids contingent upon funds given by the Marlboro County Transportation Committee for paving of the properties. The lowest bids were: Wallace Fire Department – Industrial Paving for \$4,900.00, Wallace Rescue – Furr Grading & Paving for \$9,500.00, and Warden Lane – Furr Grading & Paving for \$26,500.00. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

### ACCEPTANCE OF LANDSCAPING BID

Mr. Miles Hadley, Interim Administrator advised that two (2) bids had been received. The two bids received were: Sure Fire Yard Maintenance (Columbia) for \$62,793.00 and Taylor Garden Shop & Nursery (Florence) - \$46,695.00. Mr. Grady Sampson, Clemson Extension at the request of Council, reviewed both bids. Mr. Sampson recommended acceptance of the bid received from Taylor Garden & Gift. Mr. Hadley advised County would proceed with a request for an extension and request of funds from SC DOT. It was advised that Taylor would not get paid anything until the job was 100 % completed.

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to accept the bid of \$46,695.00 from Taylor Garden Shop & Nursery for the landscaping of the Court House Grounds contingent upon DOT funding. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

### APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

**Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to appoint Ms. Virginia McCraw to the Library Board. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.**

### REPORTS

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Recreation Committee** – Mr. Jeff Quick advised he had spoken with the representatives for the Lake. Private people have submitted bids for grass cutting. Representative Jennings has secured funds to build a picnic shelter for the boating/skiing side. Mr. Quick had spoken with Joy Linder with DNR for the possibility of one also on the swimming side – Mr. Linder advised they would try to work that in next year. Mr. Quick also requested help with the grass cutting. He advised Mr. Linder would notify us of the status with the grass cutting.

Mr. Quick also advised Recreation would need help from Mr. Sidney Wallace's Staff (Public Works) with the PARD Grant. They will need help with tree removal. Mr. Wallace was agreeable.

**Public Safety Committee** - Mr. Ken Allen advised the Committee would meet February 22<sup>nd</sup> (Wednesday) at 2 PM with Sheriff Knight to make preparations for the new facilities for the Sheriff's Office.

**Library Project** - Mr. Marion Wright briefed Council Members on the Library Project. He advised the Finance Committee had met to discuss how to raise funds. He advised the Design Committee would meet again March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Wright advised the \$4500 approved at the February 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting for a survey would help the Committee to be able to make decisions.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – MILES HADLEY, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Hadley requested contract approval for England Enterprises for Building Inspection Cost of \$60 hr. plus \$90 per visit. Temporary for inspections cost until a permanent inspector can be hired. Mr. Hadley advised England Enterprises would come only when needed. The advertisement for a new inspector has been placed. He advised the temporary inspectors must be certified, however, when the permanent inspector is hired, there will be a length of time with proper documentation for him to become certified. The temporary help is necessary for the Mohawk expansion.

**Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to approve the temporary use of services with England Enterprises until a permanent County Inspector can be hired. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

Marlboro County is at 62% into its Fiscal Year and has spent 55% of the budgeted amount. Compared to last year this time, Revenue is running approximately the same.

Mr. Hadley requested permission to submit the Department of Justice Grant in the amount of \$11,056. He also requested permission to submit the Airport FY 07 Pre-application and CIP 2007-2011 for the Airport and requested authorization to sign necessary documents. All Council members were in agreement – permission was granted.

Grant Archives & History for the Murchison Building Feasibility Study for The County Administration Offices wanted to clarify which offices were to be housed there. Were advised the study could not be completed until this information was completed. Council advised that only County Administration Offices were to be housed there – housing for other offices in the building would be found elsewhere. Mr. Hadley will advise Grant Archives & History so the project can move forward.

An inspection report has been received from the Fire Chief – most of the problems noted have already been corrected. There is a lot of waste in the building which needs to be removed – will move forward with completing the corrections.

Mr. Hadley received a call from the Department of Commerce concerning the Empowerment Zone project (Michael Jordan) going on in the County with the partnership between the City of Bennettsville and Tech. They will need a van to transfer computers and equipment to the public. They have requested that Marlboro County and the City of Bennettsville each pay half the cost of the van – approximate cost of \$17,000 – each paying \$8,500.

**Council members were agreeable to paying \$8,500 contingent upon the City of Bennettsville paying \$8,500. All Council members raised their hands to this agreement.**

A meeting was held with Clio, McColl, Bennettsville and Engineers to discuss the agreement for the Water Issue. Will hold another meeting to include Marlboro Water to discuss the issues.

Discussed sending a letter to the City of Bennettsville in regards to paying part of the salaries for the lifeguards at the Lake. Mr. Hadley will send the letter immediately.

#### RECOGNITION OF CITIZEN'S REQUEST BEFORE COUNCIL

**Ms. Ida Ridges** – advised of problems on Maple Street with the Garbage and loud noise. She advised that Mr. Lewis Cooper the environmental officer with Marlboro County had been out and was working on the garbage problem.

Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director advised that Mr. Cooper was going Street to Street in her area trying to straighten out the problem

Mr. Ken Allen advised that Ms. Ridges needed to speak with Chief Deputy Lemon and request around the clock patrolling to catch the persons responsible for the loud noise

**Mr. Billy Ridges** – expressed his concerns of abandoned houses in his area. He requested that someone clean the streets regularly along Atkins Street.

Mr. Sidney Wallace, Public Works Director advised that his department was already cleaning the Streets regularly.

**Mr. Gerald Hoyt** – expressed his concerns for the swimming area. He asked that the County send a letter to the City requesting \$7500.

He was advised that Mr. Hadley, Interim Administrator was going to take care of it.

#### RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Ms. Jean McLean** stated that the expansion approved for Wallace Water would help eight to ten houses.

**Mr. Edmond Blue** asked if the Public Safety meeting would concern the hiring of two deputies. Mr. Allen advised that was the first he had heard of it, but they would try to find out everything that the Sheriff wants.



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ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes were adopted March 9, 2006**

**Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council**